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DECORATION BEGUN

Preparations for the Inaugural Festivities on a Gorgeous Scale.

WORK ON THE TREASURY BUILDING

Thousands of Flags Distributed to Residences and Stores Along the Line of March.—Decorations of the Spectators Stand to Be Uniform.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The decoration of the treasury department building for the inaugural festivities is progressing rapidly and the rest of this week and the first three days of next week will be devoted to putting the city into appropriate garb for the quadrennial occasion. Every available bit of space along the line of march marked out for the military and civic procession has been utilized for the erection of stands for spectators. For no previous event of the kind have so many of these structures been built. All the public reservations between the White House and the capitol have been turned over to the people who secured contracts from the inaugural committee to erect stands. The construction and decoration of these will be uniform and on a scale never before attempted. Some attention to artistic effect has been given so that in place of the rough board structures that met the eye at previous inaugurations, handsome covered platforms will be the order. The bases of these stands will be painted in representation of a classic stone wall, while the posts will be hand-carved and trimmed with green and tri-colored bunting, state shields and American flags. The display of the national ensign will be a marked feature throughout the city. Fifty thousand small flags have been distributed by the inaugural committee to persons who have dwellings or business houses along the line of parade. Every stand will have a number of flagstaves of varying lengths, each supporting a flag of appropriate size. One big hotel on the line of parade already floats a big American flag from every window. Yellow and white bunting, representing the two principal money metals, will be used lavishly in decorating. The treasury department building is already sufficiently covered with designs in these shades to show how effectively they can be utilized together. Chairman Mell of the inaugural committee called on President Cleveland, and made arrangements for the usual ceremonial call to be made by the president-elect on the president. This will take place at 11 o'clock on the morning of March 3. President Cleveland, according to custom, will return the call the same day. The inaugural committee has information that the Second regiment of the New Jersey National guard will probably take part in the parade, notwithstanding the recent adverse action of the state legislature. A telegram received by the committee says that a detail of Black Hussars of Chicago, one hundred men and horses, will be in the parade. They will be headed by the governor of Illinois and his staff. The assignment of position in line to organizations ended with provision for the Black Hussars and no further places in the parade can be given excepting to the Second New Jersey regiment.

N. G. STATE OF NEW YORK.

Itinerary of Gov. Black's Excursion to the Inauguration of McKinley.

Albany, Feb. 25.—Adj.-Gen. Tillin-ghast has issued the following special order giving the itinerary as arranged for the commander-in-chief, Gov. Black, who goes to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley next week: "The commander-in-chief will leave Albany on the West Shore railroad March 2, next, at 9:50 a. m., and the members of his staff and others residing at west and north of Albany will take the train with him at the same time. The train will arrive at Jersey City at 3:02 p. m., and the members of the staff of the commander-in-chief residing at New York and Brooklyn and the detail from Squadron A will report at the time and place to take the train. The train will leave Jersey City at 3:25 p. m., where headquarters will be at the hotel Cochran. All parts of the uniforms, including riding breeches and patent leather boots, will be taken on the trip; but fatigue with overcoats and swords will be worn when taking train; full dress and sabres on the parade in Washington, with overcoats or capes as may be ordered at the time. Brig.-Gen. Howard Carroll, chief of artillery, is in charge of the mounts and horse equipments for the staff (Gen. Flagler and Col. Treadwell excepted) and for the color guard, three men detailed from squadron A and one mounted orderly. Capt. Herbert I. Satterlee, naval militia, A. D. C., will provide subsistence enroute and at Washington for the commander-in-chief, staff, color guard (3) and orderlies (3). Those taking train at Albany will obtain transportation tickets from the adjutant-general; those taking train at Jersey City will obtain them from Col. Harrison B. Moore, jr., A. D. C. There will be two cars, one for the governor and his personal party and one for the staff.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED.

President Cleveland Issues a Customary Quadrennial Proclamation to Congress.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Following the custom which has prevailed for many years, President Cleveland has issued the following proclamation, so as to enable the senate to continue in session after the expiration of the terms of thirty of its present members at noon on the 4th of March next, and (after the qualification of the re-elected senators) to participate in the inauguration of the new president of the United States, and to confirm his cabinet: "Whereas, public interests require that the senate should be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next to receive such communications as may be made by the executive. Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the senate of the United States to convene at the capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice. Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-first.

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

WM. P. ST. JOHN'S WILL.

The Late Silver Advocate Left an Estate Valued at Only \$125,000.

New York, Feb. 25.—William P. St. John, late president of the Mercantile National bank, and treasurer of the democratic national committee and of the silver party, who died on Feb. 14, left, according to his will just filed, an estate valued at only \$125,000. Of this \$70,000 is in real and \$55,000 in personal property. Mr. St. John left to his stepmother, Eliza St. John, the house at 121 East Thirty-fourth street and its contents and an annuity of \$2,400 a year. He left to Sallie French and her sister, M. Jeannette McKay of Rochester, the house at 2 Union Park, in that city, together with its contents. The testator's sister, May von Gundell, gets an annuity of \$2,000 a year, and if there is any residue after these bequests are provided for it is to be divided between his brothers Alexander P. St. John of Huntington, W. V., and Carroll St. John of Mobile, Ala.

FREE TRANSPORTATION.

Bills Introduced at Albany for the Benefit of the State Officers.

Albany, Feb. 25.—State officials will hereafter ride free on all the railroads of the state if the bills introduced by Senator Wilcox and Assemblyman Kavanaugh are passed. The bills provide that the secretary of state shall issue to the governor and his secretary, the lieutenant-governor, the heads of state departments, the members of the legislature, the judges of the court of appeals and the supreme court justices and the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the assembly, a certificate for use by such officials when traveling on public business, which must be accepted by all railroad corporations for the transportation of such officials over their lines.

Paper Makers Elect Officers.

New York, Feb. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Paper Manufacturers' association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hugh J. Cushman of Portland, Me.; secretary, C. W. Lyman of this city; vice-president, W. S. Whiting of Holyoke, Mass.; J. H. Mohr of Philadelphia and G. C. Sherman of Watertown, N. Y.

Gunboats To Be Launched March 18.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The new gunboats to be named for Wheeling, W. Va., and Marietta, O., will be launched from the yards of the Union Iron works, San Francisco, March 18. Arrangements are being made by the navy department to have the proper authorities of those cities designate representatives to attend the launch.

Death of Mrs. Jeremiah Black.

York, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Jeremiah S. Black, widow of President Buchanan's attorney general and mother of ex-lieutenant-governor Chauncey F. Black, who died suddenly at her home Wednesday at the age of 77 years, had been in feeble health for several years.

Commissioner of Lunacy Named.

Albany, Feb. 25.—The governor has nominated as a commissioner of lunacy William L. Parkhurst of Canandaigua, to succeed Henry A. Reeves, whose term of office expires in May. Mr. Parkhurst is vouched for by Senator Raines.

The Tonawanda Bank Failure.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Superintendent of State Banks Kilbarn, who is in charge of the German American bank, which has closed its doors, says all the depositors will be paid in full. The bank has a capital of \$100,000 and deposits of \$400,000.

Flood Damage at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—The river is still falling. The damage by water at Pittsburg and vicinity will reach a half million dollars.

THEIR RUSES FAIL

Office-Seekers Still Persist in Their Efforts To See Maj. McKinley.

ALL SORTS OF SCHEMES EMPLOYED

The Rumors That McCook Had Declined a Cabinet Portfolio Not Verified.—The President-elect Is Still Indisposed.

Canton, O., Feb. 25.—Mark Hanna has returned to Cleveland and will not see Major McKinley again till he meets him in Washington on Tuesday next. Mr. Hanna will start for Washington tomorrow afternoon. Owing to the fact that the president-elect suffers from some irritation of the throat, Mr. Hanna did not have as extended a talk with him as he would otherwise have done. The rumor from New York that Col. J. J. McCook has intimated that he cannot accept the position of secretary of the interior is in no sense verified here. Notwithstanding the daily publication of the fact that McKinley can see no callers people continue to come to Canton to see him.

A handsome banquet was given the newspaper correspondents last night who have been in Canton during and since the campaign. Major McKinley, who was prevented by illness from being present, sent an autograph letter of regret. M. A. Hanna sent the following telegram: "I offer the sentiment which requires you all to look at the gas light through the bottom of your glasses: 'To my co-workers and friends of the press a reward for ability and integrity.'"

PRIZE FIGHT GOSSIP.

Green and Smith and Hawkins and Flaherty Matched for Battles at Carson.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 25.—Gossip is plentiful around Dan Stuart's headquarters. George Green (Young Corbett) and "Mysterious" Billy Smith have been formally matched, and articles of agreement have also been signed for a finish fight for the featherweight championship and a purse of \$2,500 between Dal Hawkins of San Francisco and Martin Flaherty of Boston, who recently jumped into prominence by beating champion George Dixon in a limited go. The two events will be doubled up and decided March 16 at a single price of admission. Referee George Siler visited Fitzsimmons and discussed the Australian's constructions of the Queensberry rules. When informed that Corbett had expressed a preference for clean breakaways without hitting in clinches, Fitzsimmons pondered a moment and said: "Let Corbett go ahead and practice all kinds of breaks, as I am doing. I don't say that I want to hit him with a free hand during the clinches, nor do I want it understood that I consider it advantageous to me that punching in breakaways should be allowed. I'm willing to agree to anything that is fair, but I don't propose to show my hand just now."

AMERICAN PRISONERS IN CUBA.

Gen. Lee Awaiting Instructions from Washington Regarding Their Cases.

Havana, Feb. 25.—The case of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, the American citizen who was found dead under suspicious circumstances in his cell in the prison at Guanabacoa, where he had been confined for some time in the state of incomunicado, led to the request for the release from similar confinement of Charles Franklin Scott, which request was granted by the authorities. The cases of Dr. Ruiz and Mr. Scott gave rise to the contention on the part of United States Consul-General Lee that American citizens cannot under the treaty between the United States and Spain be imprisoned incommunicado longer than 72 hours. No instructions have been received from the Washington government by Consul-General Lee as to what steps shall be taken regarding these cases.

Swindling Saloonkeepers.

Albany, Feb. 25.—State Excise Commissioner Lyman says he has received complaints from different parts of the state against impostors who are representing themselves as special excise agents and attempting to blackmail hotel keepers and liquor dealers. Commissioner Lyman says there is no man representing his department but has his commission or appointment under the seal of his department. This he must produce when the liquor dealer demands to see it.

Invitation to Speaker Reed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Tennessee delegation of the house has presented Speaker Reed with resolutions passed by the centennial board of that state inviting him to attend the opening of the exposition at Nashville in May. He said he would attend if possible.

Nebraska ex-Auditor Arrested.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25.—Criminal action has been begun against Eugene Moore, ex-auditor of state, for the embezzlement of \$23,000 state money. He gave bond in the sum of \$10,000.

DOWN TO HARD WORK

Senate at Last Awakens from Its Spell of Idleness.

LONG NIGHT SESSIONS NECESSARY

Appropriation Bills Will Occupy Most of the Time Remaining.—One Day's Proceedings of Unusual Interest and Excitement.

Washington, Feb. 25.—After several days of almost idleness the senate seems to have awakened and the proceedings are becoming full of interest, and the remainder of the session promises to be unusually lively. The Cuban question started the ball rolling and no less than three propositions were made in relation to Cuba—one by Senator Allen, pop., Neb.; one by Senator Hill, dem., N. Y., and one by Senator Morgan, dem., Ala., as to the unanimous report of the committee on foreign relations. It is in the form of a joint resolution demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Julio Sanguilly, and compensation from the government of Spain for his imprisonment and sufferings. Mr. Morgan gave notice, and was backed by the chairman of the foreign relations committee—Mr. Sherman—that action on the resolution would be asked for at once. The Indian appropriation bill was taken up and two or three of the committee amendments to it provoked long and rather angry discussions. Remarkably enough, two of the temporary occupants of the chair received stinging rebuffs from senators—first, Mr. Perkins, rep., Cal., from Mr. Allen, pop., Neb., and afterwards Mr. Hill, dem., N. Y., from Mr. Pettigrew, sil., S. D. But the scene which attracted the most attention was one in which Senators Pettigrew and Hoar, rep., Mass., were the chief actors. Mr. Pettigrew had met an attack of Mr. Chandler's on a committee amendment as to the large claim on the western Cherokees' fund for legal services rendered to the Cherokees by attempting to turn into ridicule New England sympathy for the Indians, and recalling the cruelties practised in the King Philip's war and by Miles Standish. Mr. Chandler retaliated by inquiring of Mr. Pettigrew where he was born—a question which Mr. Pettigrew declined to answer, and concerning which his conflict with Senator Hill, in the chair, took place. And Senator Hoar indulged in some very scathing comments on Mr. Pettigrew as one who went "mousing" in ancient history to meet an argument; as having studied more history for the purpose of the speech than he had ever done before, and as belonging to that species of birds who "foul their own nests." Mr. Morrill, rep., Vt., withdrew the notice which he had given for a speech on the Cuban question, his reason being an unwillingness to occupy the time which should be given to appropriation bills; and Mr. Allison, rep., Iowa, chairman of the committee on appropriations, remarked upon the backward condition of the appropriation bills, and gave notice that from now on late night sessions would be absolutely necessary.

House of Representatives.

The appearance of W. J. Bryan of Nebraska, the democratic candidate for president in the last election and an ex-member, on the floor of the house, late Wednesday afternoon was the most notable event of the session. On his appearance a wave of applause swept over the chamber and while he made his way to his old seat, business was suspended. Mr. Bryan's face was wreathed in smiles of the complete satisfaction at the welcome tendered him, and he responded heartily to congratulations and compliments. He then made his way to the speaker's desk and shook hands with Mr. Reed. The exchange of courtesies between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Reed was exceedingly brief and at its close Mr. Bryan left the hall. Business was resumed and several local bills were passed.

Bryan To Stump in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Arrangements are being made for a thorough stumping tour in Ohio by William J. Bryan in the coming campaign for the election of the legislature that will choose the successor to Marcus A. Hanna in the United States senate. Mr. Bryan, if he decides to come, will work in the interest of John R. McLean, who will be the candidate of the democrats for senator.

Report of Grounding of Texas.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 25.—The United States battleship Texas had sailed for New Orleans. She has scarcely been gone three hours when a sensational rumor gained currency that she had grounded on Sabine shoals. The shoals are sixty miles northeast of this city, and are directly the reverse of the course the Texas would take for South pass.

Mary Ann Duffy's Record.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 25.—Mary Ann Duffy, 55 years old, who died in the police station yesterday from alcoholism, had a record of having been arrested more times than any other person in this city, the authorities say, over 100 times, covering thirty years.

A WONDERFUL CRAFT.

Torpedo Boat No. 6 the Swiftest Craft in the World.

New York, Feb. 25.—The new government torpedo boat known as No. 6, said to be the swiftest craft afloat, which coaled at the Brooklyn navy yard last night and then started for Washington, made a remarkable run from Newport, R. I., where she was put in commission last Saturday. It was decided not to crowd the little craft on the trip, so she was permitted to run at about her natural draught, about 160 pound steam pressure. But two of the three boilers were used and only two-thirds of her maximum speed was maintained. Between Point Judith and Faulkners island big seas and heavy north west winds were encountered, the storm becoming so terrific that it was deemed wise to slow down until the gale abated, and one and a half hours were lost in this way. During the whole trip more or less severe seas and headwinds were encountered, but the officers say the boat behaved admirably and proved a wonder. Despite the adverse conditions she travelled the distance, about 160 miles, in 6½ hours, making her average speed 25 knots per hour. This was the first trip No. 6 has made since her acceptance by the government. It was not in the nature of a trial. Commander Fremont says he could have made the journey in five hours without difficulty. The commander is very enthusiastic over the little vessel, and says that marvellous as have been her performances thus far, when the officers and crew become better acquainted with the boat she will undoubtedly astound the naval world with her speed achievements. "There is no question," he said, "about her being the fastest boat in the world. Though we came through a howling gale, she gave perfect satisfaction. There was no heating of engines and no trouble of any kind."

INDECENT NEWSPAPERS.

Vigorous Language of the President in Denying a Pardon.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The president has delivered a most scathing criticism upon indecent newspaper publications in denying a pardon to James B. Wilson, sentenced in December, 1895, in Indiana, to two years imprisonment, \$250 fine and costs for mailing indecent papers. The president says: "Denied. This convict was one of the editors and proprietors and a distributor through the mails and otherwise of a disgustingly vile newspaper. His conviction and sentence was an event distinctly tending to the promotion of public morals and the protection of the sons and daughters of our land from filth and corruption at a time when indecent newspaper publications are so dangerous and common. Everybody in favor of cleanliness should encourage the punishment of such offenses and desire that it should be more frequently imposed. While I am much surprised by the number of respectable people who have joined in urging clemency in the case, my duty seems so clear that I am not in the least tempted to interfere with the just and wholesome sentence of the court."

"Cuba—Her Past, Present and Future."

Washington, Feb. 25.—Every member of congress has been presented with a neat pamphlet of sixty pages, under the title of "Cuba—Her Past, Present and Future, in Connection with Spain and the United States." It embraces a chronological review of principal events between Spain and Cuba since the year 1836 up to the present time; a statement of Cuba's grievances; the condition of the country at present; a criticism of the new plan of reform, and arguments to show that Cuba can only prosper under the American flag. It ends with an appeal to President-elect McKinley to extend over the island the protection of the American flag.

Death of Leman Thomson.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Leman Thomson, one of the leading and wealthiest citizens of Washington county, is dead of paralysis at Thomson, aged 76 years. For years Mr. Thomson had been one of the largest lumber dealers in this section of the state. Mrs. Thomson, who died about a year ago in New York city, was Abbie C. Sherman, daughter of the late millionaire Augustus Sherman of Glens Falls.

Dauntless Released from Custody.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The treasury department has granted permission to the steamer Dauntless, held in custody at Jacksonville, Fla., on a charge of filibustering, to proceed to Fernandina to engage in wrecking work. The vessel is in charge of a United States officer.

Koerner To Be Sentenced Monday.

New York, Feb. 25.—William J. Koerner, the artist, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Rosa Redgate, on September 23 last, will be sentenced on Monday next to be electrocuted.

Why Hale Abandoned the Race.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—It is now said that the real cause for Teddy Hale, the Irish champion, to abandon the contest in the six-days' bicycle race at Tattersalls was on account of irregular heart action.

CRETAN SITUATION

Plans of the Powers May Soon Be Made Public.

GREEK PROTECTORATE IS PROBABLE

Details of the Burning of the Palace—Goschen Upholds England's Action, and Declares She Saved the Lives of Thousands of Christians.

London, Feb. 25.—The public demand all over Europe for information as to the intentions of the powers regarding a settlement of the Cretan trouble will probably be complied with within the next twenty-four hours and an official statement is expected to be made from one of the foreign offices of the government interested in the matter. All of the semi-official announcements so far tend to the belief that the plan is to ultimately place Crete in charge of Greece, if not complete annexation a protectorate at least. Hostilities on the island must first be put down, and this is evidently no small undertaking. Little credence is given to the dispatch from Canea saying that the foreign vice-consuls at Retimo announced that the Turks had declared that they would accept the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The story, however, caused a great sensation at Canea and Athens.

Burning of the Palace.

The Daily News publishes a dispatch from Canea giving a vivid description of the burning of the governor's palace there Wednesday. Vice Admiral Canvaro of the Italian squadron, who is in command of the united naval forces in Cretan waters, resided in the palace, which was guarded by a strong force of Italian sailors. The energetic efforts of the British marines, who form a part of the foreign force occupying the town, were continued for three hours, alone saved the thickly populated district in which the palace was located from destruction. Detachments of sailors from the warships in the harbor were landed and rendered valuable aid in fighting the flames. The fire destroyed the last vestige of the machinery of the Turkish government. All the records were consumed, as well as contracts and financial, legal and municipal documents. While the palace was burning the Moslem rabble set fire to several houses in the town and suburbs. The Montenegrin police who patrolled the town extinguished these fires when it was possible for them to do so, but three large houses belonging to Christian merchants who were absent were destroyed. The Moslems are much excited and more incendiarism is expected. In the event of the setting on fire of several buildings in different sections at the same time the force of sailors and marines now in the town would be found to be insufficient to cope with the fires.

DEFENDS ENGLAND'S ACTION.

Lord Goschen Tells How Great Britain Is Protecting the Cretans.

London, Feb. 25.—In the course of a speech delivered in London last evening Lord Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, defended the action taken by Great Britain in regard to Cretan affairs in terms similar to those used in the house of commons two days ago. Mr. Goschen also repudiated the assertion which has been made that the British government was acting in the interest of Turkey. The British ships' overawing the Mussulmans in the seaports of Crete, he declared, had saved thousands of Christians from massacre. Besides this, the British vessels were harboring refugees and supplying them with the necessities of life. Lord Salisbury and Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, Mr. Goschen announced, would make clear statements in parliament regarding the future of the island. Meanwhile, he declared, no one who had read the declarations of Mr. Balfour, Mr. Hanotaux, the French minister of foreign affairs, and Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the German foreign minister, will believe it possible that Crete will ever return to the rule of Turkey.

Not of Incendiary Origin.

Canea, Feb. 25.—The fire which yesterday destroyed the governor's palace, a building constructed of wood, there is reason to believe, was not of incendiary origin, but was due to accident.

Loss of Life in Kentucky.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—Reports of loss of life in the eastern Kentucky flood continue to come in. Jas. M. Morgan, wife and children, were drowned in Floyd county by the overflowing of Beaver creek. Elder Morton, a Mormon missionary, was drowned near Mount Elkhorn. Several other cases were reported.

Families Driven from Their Homes.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—Reports from Pomeroy, fronton and Portsmouth are that all of the business portions of those places are submerged and many families are sleeping in public halls, school houses and churches.

Dayton Will Not Resign.

New York, Feb. 25.—Postmaster Dayton says that he does not intend to resign after March 4 next, and that he will hold the office as long as he can.

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ART OF NEEDLEWORK.

How It Is Taught in a Chicago Training School.

Use of the Needle Placed on a Scientific and Valuable Educational Basis—An Example Well Worth Following.

(Special Chicago Letter)

When history began, needlework was a well established art. A Greek legend assumes that Minerva herself taught mortals the use of the needle. In the Old Testament Scriptures we find the state ment recorded that the Lord, speaking to Moses, explicitly directed how the ten curtains of fine twined linen for the tabernacle should be wrought, and also the veil of blue, purple and scarlet which divided the holy place from the most holy.

Although the universal art of sewing, which antedates history and forms no insignificant part of it, must have had a very utilitarian beginning, for the first clothing of man, the skins of animals, were roughly sewed together, it seems never until recently to have been developed scientifically along utilitarian lines, but only as an art, having as its aim ornate beauty. While it is true that excellent results have been achieved in the line of the commoner offices of the needle, such work has been accomplished by individuals who transmitted what they had acquired, if at all, without reference to or even a knowledge of the principles which made it excellent.

Some years ago the problem of putting this time-old art on a scientific basis, and making of it industrial education, was solved in the Chicago Jewish manual training school, and the results have been eminently satisfactory. During the six years that sewing and garment cutting has been a part of the regular curriculum of this school several thou-

mathematical principle, which enables a child to cut garments without chart or any objective aid whatever. As with the sewing, the system of cutting is so arranged that the beginning is easily grasped by even a young child, and it is led gradually by steps which it can easily take until any garment worn by a girl under 14 years and a boy under ten years of age can be drafted and cut with ease. Girls of ten years of age who have taken this course can, with scarcely an exception, cut and fit a perfectly-fitting dress waist in five minutes.

The fourth grade is devoted to stocking and linen darning, which is so beautifully done that it resembles art needlework. In this connection fabrics are studied and spinning and weaving of different sorts is discussed, and attention is called to the fact that the threads in darning represent the warp and weft. As an incidental part of the course, all the materials in the sewing department and the implements used are discussed and something of their history is made a subject of conversation during the class. Color is another subject that is considered in the same way.

In the fifth grade, by the addition of a few curves, the workcase parallelogram is converted into perfectly fitting drawers. It is surprising how easily little girls of ten and 11 years of age cut and make their garments, and how much pleasure they have in doing it. There is none of the discouragement and forcing to effect which usually attends the first endeavors of children learning to sew. Each step is easy because the preceding one has been carefully taken, and the time devoted to sewing is invariably counted a privilege.

The entire outfit for an industrial sewing department in a good school costs between \$30, and \$40, and this includes a big doll as large as a year-old child. As soon as the pupil can cut and draft the first garment, she begins to cut and make clothing for this doll.



THE DOLL MODEL AND OUTLINE BOARD.

sand children have been taught the system, and it has been found that, as with other industrial training, it is educational in the broadest and most comprehensive sense, and this, rather than sending out accomplished seamstresses, has been the aim of those in charge.

The time devoted to this work, which has been very carefully systemized and graded, is 40 minutes twice a week by pupils of the first two grades, and 80 minutes by those of the other six, and credit is given for good work in this department as for similar work in mathematics or any other study.

Holding that the understanding of principles makes the worker free, the first thing in the course is the inculcating of those principles which are the foundation of industrial training. To this end the first grade pupils use an open, double-thread canvas in learning the different stitches in sewing. No work that is not absolutely correct is allowed to pass, and each stitch is precisely accurate as a certain number of the coarse, easily counted threads are taken up each time the needle is set. The work is done in bright threads on gray canvas in a simple design which is worked out by the child directed, but not assisted, by the teacher. Indeed, the whole system is so arranged that the child is able to do the work without help, as the first aim is to lead the pupil to think independently, coordinately and constructively.

When the even-length stitch, basting, overhanding, hemming and back-stitching can be neatly and perfectly done on the coarse canvas with a blunt-pointed, long-eyed chenille needle, which does not in any way strain the untrained, delicate eye of the child, it is promoted to the second grade where two sorts of linen canvas are used that are softer and finer than that of the first grade, and brings the worker nearer garment fabrics, but which are still woven in plainly discernible squares of threads heavy enough to be easily counted.

In the third grade the first cutting is done. The entire system of sewing and cutting is founded on the square. The case for work of this grade is a simple parallelogram which is an elongation of the square. The system of garment cutting, which is a part of this inexpensive manual training course, was evolved by Miss Louise Heller, the head of the department in the Jewish manual training school, and is founded on a simple

Having mastered those principles which enable her to work correctly, she is able to begin to create independently that which is good, and all sorts of pretty garments are designed, cut and made. More than this, as everything she has done has been perfect of its kind, she has a correct standard established and is able to distinguish between the excellent and the worthless, and to judge of the quality of her own work.

In the sixth grade, the cutting and making of all sorts of underwear is taught. In the seventh grade instruction is given in cutting and fitting gowns and trousers and waists for boys; and in the eighth grade the young girls completing the course make their graduating gowns.

As has been said, the first aim of the system is educational. It was planned to train the eye to see correctly, the mind to direct with facility and the hand to execute with care and precision. It has been demonstrated that this is accomplished, and that the girls who take this kind of industrial training are more successful in their other school work than those who do not. Yet, while the aim is not to train girls to become seamstresses, they do become accomplished needlewomen.

Not long since, through the illness of her father, a girl of 12 who had just reached the fifth grade in this course of manual training sewing was obliged to do something for her own support. She had never had any experience excepting in the sewing department of this school, but she was able to at once earn fair wages in a dressmaking establishment as a finisher, so uniformly fine was her needle work.

There is nothing in the line of art needlework in this course, but such mastery does the training give the child of herself and the materials and implements used in sewing that it has been found that children who have finished it can, with very little instruction, do very beautiful work of this kind. It is easy to understand how this training fits a girl to successfully undertake the finest art needlework, as she is not only trained to skill with a needle, but her sense of proportion is cultivated; her eye trained as to color, and her mind made flexible and creative by being educated to work independently, according to those universal laws which mark the distinction between that which is of value and that which is worthless.

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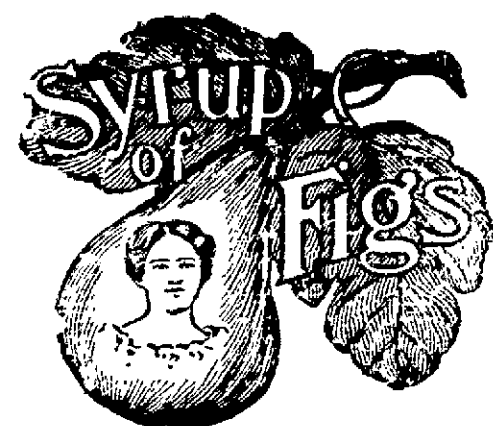
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HYMENEAL.

McCue-McNamee.

From Our Wurtsboro Correspondent.

There assembled at St. Joseph's Church, Wurtsboro, on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, at 4 p. m., a numerous party of relatives and friends to witness the marriage of Patrick McCue, of Summitville, and Miss Maggie McNamee, of this village, daughter of our esteemed townsman, Patrick McNamee, and for several years an attendant in the Middletown State Hospital. Miss Rose Brannagan rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the church. The groomsmen were Matthew McCue, brother of the groom, and the bridesmaid was Miss Ella McNamee, sister of the bride.

The bride wore a dress of pink silk with lace trimmings; while the bridesmaid wore cream silk with similar trimmings. Rev. M. J. O'Connell performed the ceremony, after which the party left for the home of the bride's parents, Miss Brannagan playing the Lohengrin march as they left the church.

After a sumptuous repast at the house, the happy couple departed on O. and W. train for a few days' stay in the western part of the State. After their departure dancing began, which lasted until about midnight. There were many handsome and valuable presents.

Among the guests from out of town were Charles Wilson, Miss Delia Mohen, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. and the Misses Herlihy, from Middletown, and Mrs. and Miss Katie McCarron, from Cuddebackville.

On their return they will begin house-keeping at Summitville. We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes.

WAWAYANDA.

Washington's Birthday Celebrated at the Lower Road Schoolhouse Near Ridgebury.

From Our Ridgebury Correspondent.

By the arrangement and labor of the teacher, Miss Sweet, a most fitting commemoration of Washington's birthday was made in the little lower road school house on last Monday evening.

The room was tastefully decorated with flags and portraits of our patriotic sires, the place of honor being given to Washington and Lincoln.

By recitations, songs, readings, dialogues and tableaux, the virtues of the Father of our Country were efficiently emphasized, the fires of patriotism kindled in the hearts of the young and through the young made to burn more brightly in the hearts of the older ones who packed the space the scholars did not occupy.

The zest with which the children did their parts, the heartiness of their songs so unapproachable in style that you could understand every word, and the character of their selections were such as reflected great credit upon Miss Sweet and her scholars.

It is doubtful whether a more fitting and fruitful observance of this day could be had than this enjoyed in this little school house.

MONTGOMERY.

Foresters at Newburgh—A Runaway—Burial of William Wait—Personal Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Frank Senior spent Sunday and Monday at the home of his parents on Prospect Terrace.

—A number of the members of our local Court of Foresters attended the entertainment under the auspices of the Newburgh Court, Thursday evening.

—Montgomery Kidd, Charles Kidd, Wesley Van Blarcom, Everett Brown and others have been visiting in town.

—A runaway occurred in this village, last Sunday. The horse was owned by Charles Sparks and driven by a colored man employed by him.

—Daniel Lybolt visited James Puff, Sunday and Monday.

—William Wait, of Newburgh, was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery at this place, on Monday. He was a brother of Thomas Wait, who resides here. The funeral is alleged to have cost \$500.

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W. R. Hines, of Magnolia, Ark., says: Although I have used the Pyramid Pile Cure only a very short time, yet it has been very beneficial to me.

From Mrs. Peter Lake, Mohawk, N. Y., I received the Pyramid Pile Cure, but put off using it until last week. When I became so bad I decided to try it. I have suffered twenty-nine years with bleeding piles and have used a great deal of medicine, but never had any thing that did so much for me as your remedy.

The proprietors of this remedy could publish columns of letters similar to the above if necessary, but these are enough to show what it will do in different cases.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co., of Albion, Mich., and for sale by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. One is sufficient to cure ordinary cases. Your druggist will tell you more about it.

Death of Frances M. Johnston.

Baltimore, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Frances M. Johnston, wife of Col. Richard Johnston, the southern author, died Wednesday at her residence in Baltimore. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot firm; moderately active. March, \$2.10; May, \$2.05; July, \$2.00.

Corn—Spot market dull and easier. May, \$0.70; July, \$0.65.

Oats—Spot trade quiet but steady. May, \$1.10.

Pork—Market quiet; trade easier. Extra prime, nominal; short clear, \$8.50; 10.00; mess, \$8.25; 9.00; family, \$8.00; 10.00.

Lard—Market firm and nominal. Prime, western, \$4.25.

Eggs—Weaker with poor demand. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 17½c; lee house (case), \$2.25; 2.50; western, fresh, 17c; lined, 12½c; southern, 16½c.

Butter—Moderate demand; easy. Creamery, western extras, 20c; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 17½c; creamery, western seconds, 15c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 17c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, full made, extras, 10½c; western, imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11c; 16c; western factory, firsts to extras, 7c to 14c.

Cheese—Market firm; fair demand. Cream, large size, full made, colored, 12½c; large, common to choice, part-skims, 6c to 9c.

Potatoes—Steady; moderate demand. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, \$1.25; 1.50; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, 75c; \$1.25. Sweet potatoes, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

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DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY ILL HEALTH

Coroner's Jury Finds That William Babcock Killed Himself—A Shocking Crime Recalled.

The Coroner's jury in the case of William Babcock, of Vernon, N. J., who was found dead in his cow barn, Monday, with a bullet hole in his head rendered a verdict of suicide. He had suffered from hemorrhages all winter and had been despondent and of late had acted queerly and the evidence showed that he had planned to kill himself. He leaves six children from three to eighteen years of age.

His first wife was a daughter of Frederick Grill, who shot and killed her because she did not obey his command to take from her two children a half-bushel measure with which they were playing. Grill was hanged for the murder at Newton.

AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Roberts Harper's "Around the World in a Man o' War."

If Roberts Harper ever comes to Middletown again he will have a hearty reception. The house was crowded and the audience delighted. The entertainment was the most successful of any of the Young People's course—Daily Herald, Middletown, Conn., Feb. 4, 1895.

Mr. Harper will give his illustrated lecture "Around the World in a Man o' War," at the Casino, to-morrow evening, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Admission 35 cents. Tickets at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's. It

EDENVILLE.

Epworth League Meeting—Cut His Foot—Lost a Horse—Entertainment on March 12th—Personal Notes.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—William McConnell, of Mount Hope, spent a few days with friends in this vicinity, last week.

—Rev. John Anthony exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Beale, of Warwick, last Sunday morning and evening.

—Mrs. W. Christie spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Matthews at Unionville.

—Epworth League meeting at the parsonage, next Sunday night at 6:30. Leader, Miss Ida Carr. Topic—"The resurrected Lord," Isa. xxv: 6-9.

—Mr. Babcock cut his foot quite badly last week while cutting down trees in "Gibraltar woods."

—Jerry Sergeant lost one of his horses Saturday. There are several more horses on the sick list.

—The entertainment has been dated again. March 12 has been decided on. We hope there will be no postponements now after being advertised once more.

—Miss Anna Knapp visited her grandparents at Pine Island, last Saturday.

—John Marsh, who has been stopping with his brother the past week, has returned to his home at Slate Hill.

BUTTERNUT GROVE.

Death of Fannie Misner—Suffering from Bright's Disease.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—Miss Fannie Misner, daughter of Jerome Misner, died in Binghamton, Friday, 19th, aged twenty-three years. Her body was brought here Saturday, and taken to her parents' home at Long Pond, where the funeral was held Monday.

—Fred Tyler, who has been sick with fever, is better, but Bright's disease has developed making his recovery very doubtful.

Massachusetts Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretary Lamont has sent to the house reports of the corps of engineers on the following examinations of rivers and harbors in Massachusetts: Col. Mansfield reports Duxbury harbor as worthy of improvement by widening and deepening. The improvement of Duxbury harbor, he reports as unnecessary for the protection of the harbor. Plymouth harbor he reports as unworthy of improvement.

Canal Transportation.

Albany, Feb. 25.—The promoters of the partial canal bill have agreed to an amendment to do away with the opposition to the bill by the millers of Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester. It is to establish a pro rata rate between ports, giving to any intermediate point an equal rate for an equal service, based upon the full amount for long distances.

Presented to the Queen.

London, Feb. 25.—At the queen's drawing room Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Wentworth of New York; Mrs. Marshall Fox of Maine and her daughter, and Miss Maynard Butler of Boston were presented by Mrs. Bayard.

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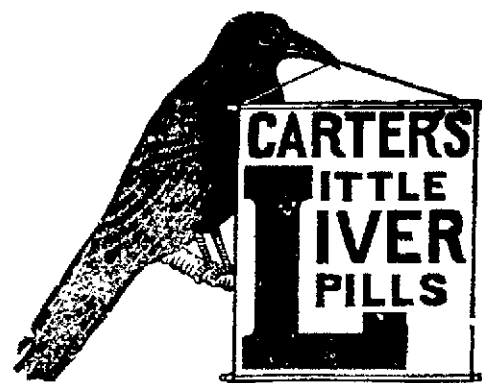
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In Pursuance of an order made by Hon. John J. Beattie, on the 21st day of January, 1897, notice is hereby given to all creditors and persons having claims against Moses F. Beebe, late of the town of Groton, in said county, deceased, that they are requested to present their claims, with the vouchers therefor, duly verified to the subscriber, the assignee of said Moses F. Beebe, for the benefit of creditors, at the offices of Merrill & Burke, 57 North street, Middletown, N. Y., on or before the second day of April, 1897.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 25th, 1897.
GEORGE H. CORWIN, Assignee.
EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney for Assignee.
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A HISTORIC SPOT.

The First Settlement of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

There is one sacred, because historic, spot in this commonwealth which should long ago, by gift, purchase, or in some other way, have become the property of the state. We refer to the picturesque location variously known as "Stage Fort," "Stage Head," and "Fishermen's Field," in Gloucester. It juts out into the harbor between the Cut bridge over the canal to the Annisquam river and Fresh Water Cove, and is conspicuous from the railroad trains entering the city because of the handsome avenue of elms leading through it. Its chief service of late years has been to furnish an accessible circus field, excepting to those drawn to it to view from the shore the magnificent sweep of the outer harbor, to fish from its rocks, or to ponder the story of the day when it was the site of the fishing station of the "Dorchester company," the home of some 200 "planters," who established there the first settlement of the Massachusetts bay colony.

The property known as the "Province Lands," at the extremity of Cape Cod, has always belonged to the commonwealth, though the people of the entire village of Provincetown have by long residence gained a title to a portion of it. Here the Pilgrims made their first landing. "Fishermen's Field," on Cape Ann, the site of the first Puritan landing and settlement, has always been in private hands, though generously kept open to the public.

By a fortunate train of circumstances this property still remains practically intact. Gloucester has for years been hoping to be financially able to purchase it for a park, but this has thus far been impossible. A few years since it was rumored that Cornelius Vanderbilt had purchased it and would erect a summer villa, and great was the consternation in the city. Chapter 332 of the acts of 1891 incorporated Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, N. S. Shaler, Francis A. Walker, and others, as a corporation, by the name of the Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historic places and tracts of land within this commonwealth. It can acquire and hold these tracts by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise. The Stage Fort property—the remains of the revolutionary earthworks add to its historic interest—is both beautiful and historical. If private generosity cannot be depended upon to furnish the funds to place it in the hands of the trustees, the legislature should appropriate the money, for it certainly is as deserving of perpetual preservation as the province lands or any other reservation.—Boston Transcript.

HAT MADE FOR TUMBLES.
It Is Pneumatic and Should Be Inflated Like a Bicycle Tire.

A great many fashionable follies have been devised this winter to meet the growing demands of the feminine skater, and she has adopted them all. Gowns perfect in fit and rich in fur have been imported from Paris especially for her excursions on the ice. Hats wonderfully coquettish in effect have been fashioned for no other purpose than to accompany these costumes. And every week new fancies in gloves, boots and muffs have been offered for the acceptance or disapproval of the young woman who skates.

In spite of all these provisions for her comfort, however, the skater has not always managed to keep herself out of danger, and the newest invention designed for her is directed to remedy this evil. She has been provided with a pneumatic skating cap.

The first inkling of this remarkable new addition to the skaters' toilette was gained one evening recently at the St. Nicholas rink, when a young woman in a beautiful skating costume of poppy-red broadcloth and sable still further distinguished herself by wearing a brand-new rubber cap.

The new cap, which is very simply constructed, should be inflated like a bicycle tire. The pumping in of air makes the cap so sure a protector that the merest novice need feel no nervousness with one on her head. She may be so unfortunate as to get a tumble sideways or backward, but her head will not get hurt, whatever may happen.

Naturally the first problem confronting the skater who wishes to assure her own safety in this novel manner is that of making the pneumatic hat becoming. A simple rubber cap is neither a lovely thing in itself nor becoming to its wearer. But it is easily possible so to disguise it that it shall not be recognizable. The milliner to whom has been entrusted the ornamentation of such a cap promptly covers it with velvet of a color matching the skating skirt.—N. Y. World.

Not the Lesson She Sought.
A little Somerville girl going to church with her mother on Sunday saw some men working on the street-car tracks.

"See those men breaking the Sabbath," said her mother, thinking to suggest a moral lesson.

The little girl watched them gravely. Then she looked up in her mother's face and said:

"And can't God mend it?"—Somerville Journal.

A TID-BIT.
"Actors, did you say?" inquired the king of Mephit, with sudden interest. "Just tie ropes around their necks and drag them around with an ostrich team. If there is anything I do not on it is jerked ham!"—N. Y. Press.

Explained at Last.
Tommy—I wonder why the words in spelled such funny ways?

Jimmy—"Cause they was made in the first place by the school teachers so they would have to be hired to teach how to spell 'em."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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SUPREME COURT, county of Orange, N. Y.—Mary C. Selleck, plaintiff, against Fannie J. Little and Georgianna Little, his wife; Fannie J. Little, Harlan P. Little and Mary Little, his wife; Alfred M. Selleck and Mary Selleck, his wife; Sarah E. Selleck, George W. Selleck, Mary Jane Selleck, Helen Augusta Bell and William Bell, his wife; Charles Mills and Mary Mills, his wife; Fannie J. Currie, Elizabeth Selleck and Hester A. Selleck, his wife; Isaac Selleck and Mary Selleck, his wife, defendants.

To the above named defendants and each of them:—You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear and answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial to be held in the county of Orange, N. Y.

Dated this ninth day of December, 1896.
GEO. H. DECKER, Plaintiff's Attorney, (office and postoffice address, 16 East Main street, Middletown, N. Y.)

To Isaac S. Little, Georgianna Little, Fannie J. Little, Harlan P. Little, Mary Little, Helen Augusta Bell, William Bell and Fannie J. Currie:—The foregoing summons is served upon you, by publication, pursuant to an order of Hon. M. H. Hirschberg, Justice of the Supreme Court, dated the 18th day of December, 1896, in and with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the county of Orange, N. Y., at Goshen, N. Y.

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In Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Hiram Selleck, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present their claims, with the proper vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, the administratrix of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the office of Geo. H. Decker, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, county of Orange, and State of New York, on or before the first day of July next.

Dated at Goshen, N. Y., Jan. 25th, 1897.
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In Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of William H. Woodruff, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers therefor, to the subscribers, the administratrix and executor of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at the residence of the administratrix, Antoinette A. Woodruff, in the town of Crawford, aforesaid, the place of transacting business of said estate on or before the 14th day of June, 1897.

Dated December 19th, 1896.
ANTOINETTE A. WOODRUFF, administratrix.
RICHARD A. WOODRUFF, administrator.
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LYMAN JUDSON GAGE.

Biographical Sketch of the Next Secretary of the Treasury.

He is a Native of New York State and Came to Chicago in 1855—His Brilliant Success as a Financier and Reformer.

No man in Chicago is more prominent nor more generally admired and respected than Lyman J. Gage. As the early president of the World's Columbian exposition his name became a familiar one in all quarters of the globe, and as the controlling genius of one of the greatest financial institutions in the nation he obtained the confidence of commercial magnates to an extent that is practically without limit.

Lyman Judson Gage was born at De Ruyter, Madison county, N. Y., June 23, 1836. When he was ten years old his family removed to Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., where at the age of 17 he began his career as a financier by assuming the duties of office boy and clerk in the Oneida Central bank. In 1855 he came to Chicago to seek his fortune. Finding no ready clerical employment he went to work in Cobb's planing mill, where the Union depot now stands. He did not shove lumber long, however. His natural capabilities soon secured him a position in the office, and in 1858 he reentered the banking business by becoming a bookkeeper for the Merchants' Saving, Loan and Trust company. Within a year he was the paying teller of that concern. In 1860 he was assistant cashier, and cashier in 1861.

When the Chicago clearing house was organized Mr. Gage was offered the management. He declined the position, but undertook its duties until the project was fairly launched.

Mr. Gage's connection with the First national bank began in 1863, when he was appointed cashier. Under his active management the bank prospered. It was reorganized in 1882, its capital being increased to \$3,000,000, and Mr. Gage was elected vice president. In 1891, on the retirement of S. M. Nickerson,

son, Mr. Gage succeeded him as president of the bank.

During the first year of the world's fair's corporate existence no more potential influence directed its policy than that of Mr. Gage. He was a member of the committee that went to Washington to secure the fair for Chicago, and in the bitter fight that preceded the choice of a location he took an active and effective part. His selection as president of the board of directors was a just recognition of his exceptional abilities and high personal worth. Mr. Gage's wisdom and firmness saved the world's fair from early disaster. In the fight between the advocates of Jackson park and the lake front a majority of the directors voted in favor of the latter site, thus opposing the views of the national commission.

President Gage promptly tendered his resignation, saying he was not in sympathy with the plan for which the directors had voted, and that he thought they should have a president whose policy accorded with their own. He retired from the chair, and the directors realized that a mistake had been made. Within a few minutes the lake front resolution was reconsidered and Jackson park selected as the site. Mr. Gage resigned the presidency of the world's fair to become president of the First national bank.

Mr. Gage has been a leading spirit in the movement for municipal reform. He has served two terms as president of the Civic federation, and was one of the organizers of the Citizens' League. Among other positions of trust and honor which he has filled are those of president of the American Bankers' association, treasurer of the Art Institute and president of the Commercial club. He is a member of the Chicago and Union League clubs, and lives at 470 North State street.

Mr. Gage has been twice married; first in 1864 to Miss Sarah Etheridge, of Little Falls, N. Y. She died in 1874, and in 1887 he married Cornelia Gage, of Denver, Col.

Newspaper Belonging to a City. Dresden, Saxony, owns a singular piece of property. It is a morning newspaper, the Dresden Anzeiger. This daily, upon the death of its last proprietor, was willed to the city upon the condition that all the profits arising therefrom should be spent upon the public parks. This year a large playground of nearly eight acres was purchased from Prince George, the king's brother, heir apparent, and it will be ready for use next spring. The Fourth Estate says that the paper continues to hold the respect of all citizens, for the trust has been carried out in its broadest spirit, and the power has never been employed to foster any school of opinions.

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Dated January 23d, 1897.
MARY A. BORLAND, Executor.
JOHN H. BORLAND, Executor.

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Mr. Bradley Smyth—I know you did not, dear.

Mrs. Bradley Smyth—How, love?

Mr. Bradley Smyth—Because you let me.—Demorest's Magazine.

The Power of Words.
The smiling boy sang of the beautiful snow. As the feathered flock came down, And no happier lad at that moment, I trow.

Was abroad in all the town. But anon his sire produced a grade, And told him to clean the walk. And then did the song of that happy child fade To a dismal and heartrending squawk.—Cleveland Leader

The Contradictory Sex.
"I do not understand it," said the philosopher.

"What is bothering you now?" inquired the other.

"If a man is two hours late in arriving at home his wife raises a row, while if he is gone two years she will give him a royal welcome. Women are peculiar."—Tit-Bits.

Great Scheme.
Chumpley. "Got the greatest scheme on earth for meeting the revenue deficit."

"What is it, old man?"

"Have the government run the pawn shops. There'll be no disgrace in doing business with your uncle when he's your Uncle Sam."—Detroit Free Press.

Cause and Effect.
Miss Antique (displeased with her photographs)—This, sir, is the fourth sitting I've given you, and the picture is even worse than the first.

Photographer—Yes, miss. The last sitting was a month after the first, and you were a month older, you know.—N. Y. Weekly.

A French Phrase.
Neil—Miss Jones uses French phrases in the most peculiar manner.

Bill—Does she?

Neil—Yes, indeed! Why, at breakfast yesterday I asked her how she liked her eggs and she said they were very chick.—Philadelphia Record.

The Attraction.
Jess—I never understood why Miss Fitz married Giggles.

Bess—She couldn't make up her mind to break the engagement.

Jess—Why not?

Bess—It was the prettiest ring she had.—Philadelphia Press.

Tender Thoughts.
"My husband is the most considerate man in the world."

"In what way?"

"When he gave me my new writing-desk he had two keys made, so that if I lost mine he would have one. Few men would be as thoughtful as that."—Tit-Bits.

Simply Impossible.
Dollie—Chollie said he would be on hand to-morrow night, bright and early.

Dora—Well, he may be early, but it will be impossible for him to be here bright.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Misnomer.
He is just from the country, and so must agree That he has no occasion to drink; But he really can't see Why they call it "a real" When they never have any to drink.—Washington Star

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

"I'm awfully tired doing nothing, dear boy."

"Why?"

"There's so much of it to do."—N. Y. Truth.

A Query.
Without the sun, softest rest, The cycle and the life, and Where would the mother find rest Find subjects for her pen?—N. Y. Life.

Nothing Forgotten.
Waiter (expecting a tip)—Haven't you forgotten something, sir?

Hardup Cheekily—Why, no! I guess I've gone pretty well through a whole bill of fare!—Philadelphia Press.

He Knew Himself.
She—I wouldn't marry the best man I live!

He—No!—ah—er—perhaps not; but—ah—that is really no obstacle to your marrying me!—Tit-Bits.

Never Long.
"She hadn't known him long, had she?"

"No, and he's been short ever since they were married."—Chicago Journal.

Even So.
Little Clarence (sitting at his best in winter, isn't he, pa?)

Mr. Callipers—Yes; there are no flies on him then.—N. Y. Journal.

Her Hold on Office.
"You did not let Mrs. Flubdub resign the presidency?"

"Of course not; she is the best-dressed woman in the club."—Chicago Record.

Whatever Isn't.
"Whatever is, is right," said Popsy. And for his meaning still we grope: If this be true, the world is a lie For change in everything alive!—Detroit Free Press.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

- 15—Wickham Ave., corner Prince, O. & W. R. R.
- 16—North street and low avenue, hat shops
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For over Fifty Years
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of the stomach and bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children is a household necessity. It is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Torturing, itching, scaly skin, eruptions, burns and scalds are soothed at once and promptly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the best known cure for piles. W. D. Olney.

A Great Medicine Given Away.
J. J. Chambers, 57 North street is now giving free to all a trial package of the great herb remedy, Bacon's Celery King. If ladies suffering from nervous disorders and constipation will use this remedy they will soon be free from the headaches and backaches that have caused them so much suffering. It is a perfect regulator. It quickly cures biliousness, indigestion, eruptions of the skin and all blood diseases. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

One minute is all the time necessary to decide from personal experience that One Minute Cough Cure does what its name implies. W. D. Olney.

Thousands Are Trying It.
On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50 cents.

ELY BROTHERS.
56 Warren street, New York City.

It is the medicine above all others for catarrh, and is worth its weight in gold. I can use Ely's Cream Balm with safety and it does all that is claimed of it. B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why DeWitt's Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

A Short Cut to Health.
To try to cure constipation by taking pills is like going round in a circle. You will never reach the point straight, but only get back to the starting point. A perfect natural laxative is Bacon's Celery King, the celebrated remedy for all nerve, blood, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. It regulates the bowels. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample, package free. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The famous signature of *Dr. H. H. H. H.* is on every bottle.

Do You Dance To-night?
Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or new shoes easy. Cures corns, bunions, chafes and sweating feet. At all druggists and shoe stores. 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

It Makes Cold Feet Warm
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Many cases of "Grippe" have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to the cure of this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in which this disease often leaves the patient. W. D. Olney.

Would Not Do Without Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.
MEXICO, N. Y., Nov. 11, '95.—The Hand Medicine Co.—"Our baby, now nearly four months old, has been troubled ever since birth by Wind Colic. At first we tried the usual remedies, but until we tried Dr. Hand's Colic Cure found nothing that would give relief. Now we would not think of being without your Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children, 25 cents. At all druggists.

NEW YORK AND WESTERN RAILROAD

Time Table in Effect Dec. 30th, 1896. NORTH BOUND.

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